

FIREFIGHTER

(Competitive Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

The class of Firefighter comprises entrance level positions in the fire fighting division of fire department operations. Employees of this class primarily receive training for tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, performing rescue work, and maintaining fire department equipment, building, and grounds. Such training may consist of formal classroom study and/or drill sessions, as well as closely supervised on-the-job experience. Employees of this class work under the direction and supervision of a Fire Captain. This class ranks directly below that of Fire Driver.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Trains for and maintains proficiency in firefighting and rescue tasks such as carrying and operating hose lines; operating nozzles and directing fire streams and agents; using ladders and other equipment to aid in fighting fires; forcible entry; ventilation operations and the usage of portable air breathing apparatus; salvage and overhaul; and rescuing, locating and removing fire and accident victims to safety. Maintains limited crowd and traffic control as necessary until police arrive, and calms emotionally distraught victims, relatives, and spectators at emergency scenes. Treats range of injuries at the scene using advanced first aid and emergency care techniques. Reports own or other's injuries to superiors.

Reports address and available details of fire to Fire Driver and selects shortest available route to fire or emergency scene. Communicates with dispatcher and fire vehicles using two-way radio. Informs Fire Driver of equipment being removed from apparatus. Examines fire structure, locates fire source and extinguishes using appropriate extinguishing agent. Detects and responds to changes in fire ground conditions and notifies officer in charge of new information on conditions. Locates and operates shut-off valve for gas, electricity, oil, and water in building. Removes container of flammable or hazardous materials under direction of superior officer and acts to contain hazardous material spill or control spread. Informs officer in charge of suspected arson so arson investigator can be called or so evidence may be preserved.

Learns and maintains proficiency in the location and purpose of all

equipment, the principles of fire behavior, and the use of newly acquired equipment. Reads and studies firefighting training materials, basic laws, regulations, and direct routes, location of streets, water mains, and hydrants in station area. Prepares for and takes notes in training and/or drills. Listens and participates in discussions and demonstrations.

Performs regular maintenance of equipment such as fire pump, aerial ladders, tillers elevating platforms, and emergency medical equipment to make sure they are in proper working order and fills air cylinder. Cleans and stores equipment upon return to station. Inspects, maintains inventory of, and makes minor repair to equipment and tools on fire apparatus and reports damaged/missing tools to officer. Tests communication equipment and performs daily radio checks. Operates and conducts periodic tests of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Tests and inspects hoseline, fittings, and nozzle for leaks or damage.

Buys food and prepares meals for firefighters at station. Provides for the maintenance and upkeep of station house and grounds. Maintains adequate quantities of station, office, firefighting and first aid supplies. Places turnout gear and firefighting equipment in readiness. Receives telephone calls and refers caller to appropriate agency. Assists visitors at the station. Conducts and times fire drills in schools and businesses. Maintains and updates station library.

Performs related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and of legal age.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which shall be authorized by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Applicant must possess one of the following: high school diploma, high school equivalency certificate, high school transcript, affidavit from the issuing high school, associate's or bachelor's degree, or college transcript, any one of which must indicate that graduation has occurred or a degree awarded. A certification of completion shall not be sufficient to substitute for a diploma or equivalency certificate.

Must not be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

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